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SUBJECT: REPORTED HOUSE ARRESTS DURING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PERIOD

REF: STATE 169647

1. WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS POLICE SURVEILLANCE HAS INTENSIFIED -- ESPECIALLY IN SEOUL. THIS IS PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO PUBLICIZED THREATS FROM STUDENTS TO HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS ON OR ABOUT JULY 6 TO EMBARRASS NCU DELIBERATIONS AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6, OR TO HOLD DEMONSTRATION JULY 10 TO SHOW STUDENT REJECTION OF YUSHIN CONSTITUTION. AT THE SAME TIME, DISSIDENTS WERE APPARENTLY PLANNING TO LAUNCH NEW ORGANIZATION TO SPONSOR MORE ACTIVE CONFRONTATION WITH ROKG ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. DETAILS OF NEW ORGANIZATION WERE CLOSELY HELD BY DISSIDENTS, BUT ROKG LEARNED DATE OF INAUGURATION MEETING -- JULY 5 -- AND PREVENTED FOUNDERS FROM GATHERING. IN ADDITION, POLICE ARE ALSO QUESTIONING PEOPLE IN THEIR INVESTIGATION OF RECENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO ROKG BECAUSE STUDENTS UNDERTOOK NEW TACTIC OF DEMONSTRATING OFF CAMPUS.

2. KNCC IS SURE THAT AT LEAST 25 PERSONS HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM LEAVING THEIR HOMES, BUT GUESSES NUMBER
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COULD BE AS HIGH AS 70.

3. WE HAVE NOT (RPT NOT) YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS.

4. SECURITY FORCES ARE DOING THEIR UTMOST TO HEAD OFF

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS WHILE THE NCU IS IN SESSION.
RECENT WILLINGNESS OF STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE OFF CAMPUS
HAS INCREASED POLICE ALERTNESS TO AVOID POTENTIAL
INCIDENTS, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE GREATER PUBLIC IMPACT
CONFRONTATIONS DOWNTOWN COULD HAVE AND BECAUSE OF THE
GREATER POSSIBILITY OF DANGER TO LIFE, LIMB AND PROPERTY
SUCH CONFRONTATIONS COULD HAVE IN CROWDED PUBLIC AREAS.
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